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SUBJ: SOCIALIST PARTY ON THE MIDDLE EAST  
  
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SUMMARY: THE PS HAS ANNOUNCED ITS SUPPORT OF THE SADAT  
PEACEINITIATIVE. THE NEW PS/CDS FOREIGN POLICY PROGRAM  
MAKES NO REFERENCE TO GOP/ISRAELI RELATIONS, BUT URGES  
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SAUDI ARABIA. END SUMMARY.

1. PS POSITION: IN A RECENT TELEVISION INTERVIEW, PS  
INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY RUI MATEUS OFFERED THE FIRST  
PUBLIC EXPLICATION IN SOME TIME OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY  
POSITION ON THE MIDDLE EAST. THE PS:

-- OPPOSES THE ENLARGEMENT OF ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN  
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THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES;  
-- ENDORSES THE CREATION OF A PALESTINIAN STATE  
AND THE RECOGNITION OF THE PLO AS THE LEGITIMATE  
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE;  
-- URGES ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE OCCUPIED  
TERRITORIES AS CALLED FOR BY VARIOUS UN RESOLUTIONS;  
AND

-- IS WATCHING "WITH GREAT HOPE" THE SADAT PEACE INITIATIVE, BUT DOES NOT BELIEVE ONE NATION (EGYPT) CAN SATISFACTORILY GUARANTEE THE SIMULTANEOUS EXISTENCE OF ISRAELI AND PALESTINIAN STATES.

2. NEW FOREIGN POLICY PROGRAM: THE FOREIGN POLICY PROGRAM OF THE NEW PS/CDS GOVERNMENT PASSED FEB 12 MAKES NO REFERENCE TO GOP/ISRAELI RELATIONS. THE PROGRAM DOES, HOWEVER, EMPHASIZE THE SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE TO "DIVERSIFY" GOP INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS -- WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE ARAB WORLD -- AND REAFFIRMS GOP INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SAUDI ARABIA.

3. GOP/ISRAELI RELATIONS: AS A SOARES CONFIDANT, MATEUS WAS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE AGREEMENT TO RAISE GOP/ISRAELI RELATIONS TO THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL LAST YEAR. ALTHOUGH AN ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO PORTUGAL WAS APPOINTED PROMPTLY, THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE PROGRESS ON THE PORTUGUESE APPOINTMENT.

4. COMMENT: GOP/ISRAELI RELATIONS HAVE, IF NOT COOLED, AT LEAST BOGGED DOWN. SIMULTANEOUSLY, THE SOCIALISTS REMAIN OPEN TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PLO OFFICE IN LISBON BUT MAY CONTINUE TO BALK AT GRANTING SUCH AN OFFICE DIPLOMATIC STATUS.  
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